districts of the State upto which the connections have been provided ;

(c) the number of persons registered alongwith their names for LPG connections in the State who are still in the waiting list ; and

(d) by when Government propose to provide LPG connections to all the registered persons in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 3·81 lakh as on 1-4-1992.

(d) Efforts are constantly on to give LPG connections to as many applicants as early as possible, subject to availability of product.

Exploration of Tapti Gas fields

2198. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :
SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 2174 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th March, 1992 and state :

(a) what is the Eighth Plan allocation for exploration of Tapti Gas fields and the gas likely to be allocated therefrom to Gujarat ; and

(b) what would be the gas allocation therefrom to the power projects of Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) No decision has been taken to develop the Tapti gas fields.

Allocation of Petroleum Product Dealerships

2199. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the number of dealerships awarded by various oil companies to sell petroleum products from the discretionary quota of the Minister during the last one year till date statewise and itemwise ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : From July, 1991, till 30th June, 1992, nineteen retail outlets, forty nine LPG distributorships and eleven SKO/LDO dealerships were alloted by the Government at their discretion. As discretionary allotments are made by the Government on compassionate grounds, the issue of State-wise allocation does not arise.

Allocation of Kerosene to Gujarat

2200. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL :
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL :
SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat Government has requested the Central Government to allocate kerosene as per the earlier practice of seven to seven and a half per cent growth rate ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.